

Princeton Teacher Denies Link to Bulgarian Spy

A Princeton University professor of Russian history today denied he was the American contact man for a Bulgarian who confessed yesterday he was a spy for the United States.

The professor, Dr. Cyril E. Black, was named by Ivan Asen Christof Georgiev as the man to whom he passed Bulgarian secrets during two years Georgiev was No. 2 man of the Communist nation's delegation to the United Nations.

Georgiev, 56, pleaded guilty yesterday in Sofia, Bulgaria, to spying for the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency. He said he leaked information to Black, who, Georgiev said, used the name Anderson as a CIA agent. **'Complete Fabrication'**

Black, 48, called the allegation "a complete fabrication."

"It is so preposterous," he said, "that it should not be dignified by a detailed rebuttal."

This was the second time Dr. Black's name has come up in Bulgarian spy trials.

During the espionage trial of 15 Protestant clergymen in Sofia in 1949, a witness testified that Dr. Black asked him to collect Russian military secrets.

Served in Sofia

Dr. Black was at that time secretary of the American Peace Treaty Mission in Sofia.

Dr. Black said this was an "equally preposterous" allegation.

"The Bulgarian Communists have found it convenient to use my name because of my long as-

sociation with Bulgaria," he said.

"I lived in Bulgaria as a boy from 1925 to 1934 at a time when my family was prominently associated with American educational work in Bulgaria.

"During World War II, I served in Bulgaria for a year (1944-45) as a State Department representative on the Allied Control Commission after the armistice when the country was under Allied occupation."

Father Headed College

Dr. Black's father, Floyd H. Black, headed the American College in Bulgaria from 1925 to the outbreak of World War II. Many English-speaking persons in Bulgaria were trained there, he said.

Dr. Black said the apparent purpose of the introduction of his name in the spy trial "is to counteract the warm feelings most Bulgarians have for Americans and to warn them against associations with us now that contact between the two countries is becoming freer."

"Fabrications like the ones made in these trials," he said, "are familiar Communist techniques, but the revival of staged trials is an ominous development in East-West relations."

Never Heard of Georgiev

Dr. Black, a native of North Carolina, said he had no idea who "this person" (Georgiev) is.

"He might have been paid by us; who knows?" he said. "But I never heard of him."

Dr. Black has taught at



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Dr. Cyril E. Black

Princeton for 24 years. In 1958, he was a member of a three-man team sent by the State Department to study elections in Russia.

He edited the book, "The Transformation of Russian Society," a compilation of the writings of 38 Soviet experts on changes in the Soviet Union over the past century. It was published in 1960.